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NEBRASKA 2015 CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY

LINCOLN, NE, January 12, 2016 -- **Corn** for grain production in Nebraska based on year-end surveys is estimated at a record high 1.69 billion bushels, up 6 percent from 2014, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield of 185 bushels per acre is up 6 bushels from last year and the previous record set in 2009 and 2014. Farmers harvested 9.15 million acres of corn for grain, up 2 percent from 2014.

Soybean production for 2015 totaled a record high 306 million bushels, up 6 percent from 2014. Yield, at 58.0 bushels per acre, is a record high and up 4.0 bushels from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at 5.27 million acres, is down 1 percent from 2014.

Sorghum for grain production in 2015 is estimated at 23.0 million bushels, up 76 percent from 2014. Yield, at 96 bushels per acre, equals the previous high set in 2011 and is up 14 bushels from a year earlier. Area harvested for grain, at 240,000 acres, is up 50 percent from 2014.

Alfalfa production for 2015 of 3.40 million tons is virtually unchanged from a year earlier. Yield, at 4.00 tons per acre, is down 0.10 ton per acre from last year. Area harvested for dry hay, at 850,000 acres, is up 2 percent from 2014. Seedings of alfalfa during 2015 totaled 140,000 acres, down 13 percent from the year earlier. **All other hay** production, at 2.96 million tons, is up 13 percent from 2014. The record yield, at 1.60 tons per acre, is up 0.10 ton per acre from last year. Area harvested of other dry hay is 1.85 million acres, up 6 percent from a year ago. Total **forage** production from alfalfa and other hay is 6.48 million tons in 2015, up 5 percent from the previous year.

Proso millet production in 2015 is estimated at 3.30 million bushels, up 2 percent from last year's production. Yield, at a record high 34 bushels per acre, is up 5 bushels from a year earlier. Area harvested for grain, at 97,000 acres, is down 13 percent from 2014.

Oil sunflower production in 2015 is 42.7 million pounds, up 47 percent from last year. Yield, at 1,580 pounds per acre equals the record high and is up 420 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 27,000 acres, is up 8 percent from 2014. **Non-oil sunflower** production of 36.8 million pounds, is double that of last year. Yield, at 2,100 pounds per acre, is up 350 pounds from a year earlier and is the highest on record. Area harvested, at 17,500 acres, is up 67 percent from 2014.

Sugarbeet production of 1.33 million tons is down 1 percent from 2014. Yield, at 28.4 tons per acre, is down 0.7 ton from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 46,800 acres, is 2 percent more than 2014.

Dry edible bean production of 3.12 million hundredweight, is down 20 percent from a year ago. Yield, at 2,380 pounds per acre, is down 120 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 131,000 acres, is down 16 percent from 2014.

Potato production is 6.87 million hundredweight, down 13 percent from last year. Yield, at 435 hundredweight per acre, is down 35 hundredweight from last year. Area harvested, at 15,800 acres, is down 1,100 acres from 2014.

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